



In tribute to Miss Barton, her Dansville neighbors organized, August 22, 1881, the "Dansville Society of the Red Cross," which now bears her name and is designated as Chapter No. 1.



AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

CLARA BARTON CHAPTER NO. 1

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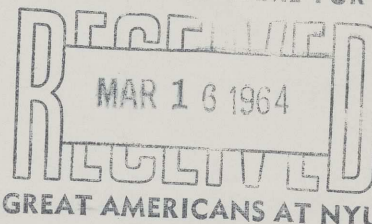
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March 13, 1964 THE HALL OF FAME FOR



Dear Mrs. Hliddal:

Thank you for your prompt response to our request for a Form of Proposal for Candidates. We have filled it out to the best of our ability in the space available. Since nominations are limited to the period beginning April 1, we have placed that date on the Proposal.

The brevity of the data reminds us of what happened when Susan B. Anthony asked Clara Barton for biographical material to use in a compilation. Miss Barton gained the idea that it had to be kept to 200 words, but it ran to 300, and she said she didn't know how to cut it further. When Miss Anthony received the information, and Miss Barton's humorous letter, she replied, "For Heaven's sake, Clara, put some flesh and clothes on this skeleton!"

We are glad that our letter of January 10, 1963, will be available to provide some "flesh and clothes." The letter, however, contains one statement that needs to be modified, at the end of the fourth paragraph. I find that the exhibit referred to there was dismantled in October, 1962. I had supposed it would remain until the end of the Centennial period. The phrase "has been placed" could be changed to "was placed."

Enclosed is a folder, "Clara Barton: Heroic Woman," an excellent capsule biography, which we would be pleased to have attached to the material already in your hands. I am also sending one of our chapter folders. These were reprinted recently, and unfortunately were not folded just right. You will also find the coupon relating to the book that is available, and my check for the paperback edition. At a meeting of our chapter last evening, the members were much interested in the attractive illustrated folder on the Hall of Fame.

You doubtless have a fund of information on Dr. Henry Mitchell MacCracken, but I wonder if you are familiar with the entertaining book that his son, Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken, wrote about his own boyhood--The Family on Gramercy Park. Apparently it is out of print, but the New York Public Library should have copies.

[The Chapter House is a Memorial to Emma Hartman Noyes, a Charter Member of the Chapter. It was her home for many years. In 1949, it was presented to the American Red Cross by her sons and daughter-- Nicholas H. Noyes, Jansen Noyes, and Katherine F. Noyes.]

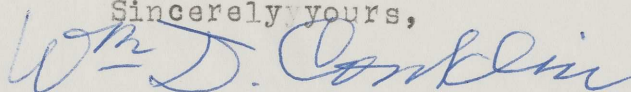
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It has been very good of you to take so much interest in our effort to present the name of Clara Barton for consideration in the 1965 election.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wm D. Conklin".

William D. Conklin
Public Information Chairman

cc: Exec. Sec'y